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SUBJ: ARMS LIMITATION MEETING IN LIMA

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1. FONMIN CARVAJAL TOLD AMB JAN 15 THAT PRELIMINARY MEETING OF EXPERTS OF EIGHT AYACUCHO COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CHILE, WILL BE HELD IN LIMA LATE JANURAY OR EARLY FEBRUARY (AS REPORTED REF B) TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF AYACUCHO DECLARATION LANGUAGE ON ARMS LIMITATION. PURPOSE WILL BE TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF LATER, FULL MEETING: WHO WILL ATTEND (CARVAJAL SAID HE WANTED ALL SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES -- REF A), WHERE AND WHEN TO HOLD MEETING, AND AGENDA.

2. CARVAJAL THOUGHT THERE WAS SOME PROSPECT LIMITATION OF OFFENSIVE ARMS COULD RESULT FROM PROCESS. AS HE ENVISAGED IT, FIRST TACK WOULD BE TO PREPARE ACCURATE INVENTORY OF PRINCIPAL ARMS (SHIPS, AIRCRAFT, ARMOR), THEN TO SEEK FREEZE AT EQUITABLE LEVELS IN ACQUISITION OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, AND FINALLY TO NEGOTIATE BALANCE CUTBACK OF SUCH WEAPONS.

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3. COMMENT: AYACUCHO LANGUAGE ON ARMS LIMITATION

IS INTERESTING TO CHILE, AND ESPECIALLY TO CARVAJAL,
SOLELY IN TERMS OF LIMITATIONS ON OFFENSIVE WEAPONS --
A NATURAL ENOUGH REACTION IN LIGHT OF CHILE'S MARKED
INFERIORITY TO PERU IN THIS REGARD. I BELIEVE CARVAJAL
HAS NO ILLUSIONS AS TO PROSPECTS FOR ACTUAL ARMS
LIMITATION. THERE IS NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT CHILEAN
GOVT BELIEVES IT HAS A GOOD PROPAGANDA CASE HERE AND
WILL PRESS ON WITH IT WITH DUE ENERGY.
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